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What One Gets and How He Pays for It-Rules That Govern the Establishment-What the Register Shows-Plan to Ward Off Disease. Good Word for The Times.

"Come down tonight and see me out 'em to bed," said Coi. Cather yestermy to a Times reporter. He was referring to his guests at the Municipal Longing House, nd the reporter agreed to be present at

The proprietor of a hostelry is not esnally so attentive to his patrons, nor are the lodgers at the ordinary tavern so exacting as to require the exhibition of so much courtesy. Few expect it, and the rarity is the man who will tolerate it.

It is different at the municipal boarding use. The landford admits no one to his English Oak Reception beds who declines to conform to his rules. and one condition, which is never ignored, involves a rigorous personal super islon of a number of details at retiring time It exacts clean iness, sobriety, good order, but insures safety, comfort, and a place to lay the head. Once a guest, the weary ofourner, with many miles, perhaps, between him and his starting point, has a guarantee that, conditioned upon good behavior and a disposition to do his dety, he has a haven of rest for at least three

He may possess neither staff nor scrip, and his baggage may have been indefinitely delayed on route, but he need tuye no besitation in applying for lodging and the wherewithal to satisfy the nangs of hunger, for he is not required to pay in

But he must be formally incased in the sheets. As a preliminary, he must register his name, age, place of birth, occupation and reason for being unemployed, and also a promise to work for his keep. The hours for registry are from 6 o'clock in the morning until 10 at might, and he who comes before or after loses his opportunity.

TREATED TO A BATH. "Come upstairs."

Responding to this invitation, the prospective boarder is ushered into a small oom at the rear of the second floor, where all who have preceded him have passed scribed bath is taken. It is a thorough apunder the watchful supervision of the attendants; and at the close the pilgrim enrobes himself in a clean, white garment, bearing in the front the letters, "M. L. H.," to imitcate the ownership, and is assigned to a cot. He wears about his neck a cord, to which

is attached a ticket, numbered to correspond with the number of his couch, reaching which he finds it supplied with blankets and a pillow and a comfortable spring, as aids with which to woo the god of repose. The clothing he discarded when he entered the bath-tub has meanwhile been made into a bundle and suspende i in the sulphur room. The "hotel" is supplied with a sulphur coom as a preventive against disease and vermin. Promptly at the hour the doors are closed against further accessa. 24, the pan of sulphur and ammonia is lig ted, the furnigating room is closed and the work of parification is begun. It ends only when the house is aroused on the follow-ing morning. To secure the return of his bundle bearing the corresponding number is turned over to him.

EIGHTY LODGERS IN A NIGHT. There were eighty persons under the roof last night. Eighty bundles were "hang up" in the fumigating room, eighty pairs of shoes were deposited in long rows, one can get hold of it." above another, on shelves crected for the purpose in the bathroom, and eighty of the long white night shirts belonging to the establishment were in requisition. Eighty weary men, the preliminaries being over, were soon slumbering, their creams enlivened by their last fond anticipation

of the good square meal in prospect. The applicant must promise to saw wood. "Do you know that you are required to do a certain amount of manual labor to compensate for your lodging and meals, and are you willing to comply with that condition?" is about the usual form of nterrogatory propounded, and this being answered affirmatively, the guest is given a ticket bearing the letters "S. L. B.," three times repeated, with the name the party gives written in the space left at the top. If the bour of arrival be at 9 p. m., on the evening of the 16th, the first "S" is erased, and the ticket then stands good for lodging and breakfast, in compensation for which and subsequent entertainment within the limit, the holder must report at noon of the succeeding day and aw ope-twelfth of a cord of wood.

SON OF ENGLAND. The last of the eighty to gain admission last night was a slight young fellow, who gave the name of William Smith, his place of birth England, age, twenty-six, and oc enpation, laborer. He was last employed at Newport News, he said, and was very anxious to get work. His story came ou in a hesitating way, as though he had be come accustomed to having it discounted, but there was nothing languid in his movements when Capt. Wilson, the assistant keeper, gave him his ticket and sent him

upstairs to take the preparatory bath. He knew he was "heeled" until Monday. The reporter was permitted to inspect the entire establishment and to view the occupants. It was decidedly a queer collection. Nearly every cot had a white face above the blankets, but here and there were a black skin and a woodly head. Many of those there in bed were asleep, but in two or three rooms the lights were still burning and the occupants were conversing

"Well, boys, how is it-beds comfortable?" inquired Col. Cutter.

"Yes, sir." came from a score or more. "Better than being on the road, ch?" "Oh, yes, sir, yes, sir," was the re

Down stairs is a small apartment dignified with the title of "reading room." of both colors, employing their time in perusing the literature the place affords.

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY. The magazines were in demand prin ipally, but the book case in the superin tendent's office had been drawn upon for a volume or two. The library has comparatively but few books, but embraced in the list are some standard works. They include a book labeled "Self Heip," besides Cowper's political works, the Gospels, with Barnes' notes, Dickens' works, Longfeliow's poems, Scott's productions and Milton's "Paradise Loct."

"What class of people comes here most frequently?" was asked of Col. Cutter. "You would be amazed," he rejoined, "to know how many really deserving people are on the 'road,' "

"Oh, I cannot do that. I cannot give names," he answered, "but there is a young man here now who is a splendid sculptor, and another who is a first-class We have had men of almost all the trades and professions, and I assure you that

but a small proportion, possibly not more than one in ten, are really tramps. "There was a man who once drifted into the lodging house and stayed until he could recuperate, who afterward passed an examination as a physician and surgeon He was given a position as such in one of the local hospitals, and so far as I know he is still there.

"The better element finds its way here escally, through the misfortunes that never come singly." CELESTIALS NOT IN EVIDENCE.

"Have you ever been asked to harbor Chinaman? "No, indeed; never. We had an Indian

in the house, though, not long ago. He

was a half-breed and an intelligent fel-low." During the past month the house has sheltered 948 different persons. A total

of 1.845 lodgings and 3.100 meals were furnished. As previously stated, the built for one man's stay at any one time is three days, but urder extraordinary circonstances he is permitted to exceed that limit. The sick are not required to work, nor are they turned away when the three days expire. In many instances they are sent to some hospital for treatment, but they are never sent adrift, though they are sometimes furnished transportation to their

There are two classes, if no more, that are not received into the lodging house, and these are intoxicated persons and these known to have been in the workhouse. Nor are residents of the District cutortained there.

The house is intended primarily as a place of refuge for deserving individuals who from a series of mishaps have become stranded in Washington, and the institulated to assist in preserving the self-re-

"Are you ever imposed upon, colonel" "Very rarely, indeed. As stated, it is not the professional tramp who is not usual visitor, and they all seem disposed to do what is right. My rule is that who the gong sounds at 10 o'clock all other sounds must cease, and the lights are put out.

QUIET AS A RESIDENCE. "This house is as quiet now as any private residence, but wait. It is just 10 o'clock, and the colonel grasped a beli-pull. "We will not hear as much as a whope upstairs, now."

And we didn't. The small library, much too small, by the way, to which donations will be gratefully received, serves to afford entertainment in the evenings, and keeps the ninjority off the street.

"What do we feed them? Come and see," said the superintendent. And the reporter was conducted to the "dining-room," thence to the kitchen. Rude tables were placed in the little apartment used as an eating room, each capable of accommodating twelve persons. A bench on either side of cuch supplied the seating facilities, and cach guest has ample elbow room when at his

"Here is what we give the men to cat." ontinued Col. Cutler, and dipping into a huge can be brought out a quart of meat stew that gave forth a most savory over. Going to a small pantry be next produced about half a loaf of fresh bread, and next a cup of rare good coffee, steaming hot, was "That," said the superintendent, point-

ing to the array, "is what each man gels three times a day." It was apparently quite enough to satisfy the most ravenous ap-"Most of the men who stop here," continued Col. Coulter, "are really in search of work, and some of them get it. About

fifty of them obtained employment within the past month. If a man gets a job for a single day and strives for something apparel and belongings, each guest has better we go to the extreme limit in sup-but to exhibit the tag be wears, and the plying him with lodging.

"The Times is accomplishing a good work here, and I have thought of asking it to extend its helping hand by having a copy of the paper sent to the lodgi house regularly for the benefit its want columns would be to the men in secur work. They consult it now as often as they

ELEVEN GUEST CHAMBERS. The lodging house is a rambling, old fashioned structure, containing, all told. twenty rooms. Eleven of these are used as sleeping apariments, and in these eleven rooms as many as ninety persons have been given a resting place in a single night. There are cols for seventy-two, and the overflow can only be accommodated by placing mattresses on the floor. The largest number comes in out of the storms, and on Fridays for the privilege of re-maining in over Sunday. Many of the cots are "double deckers." They are built of Iron, and each is supplied with a spring, a sheet, two blankets and a nillow-a couch that is far and away ahead of the green

sward wherever found The woodyard is much too small. If it were larger, it would yield a proportion ately larger revenue. As it is, there is a

tidy sum turned in to the collector of taxe as revenue from this source at the end of each month. The house is clean and neatly kept. There are but three paid officials, but sev-

eral assistants have donated their labor in return for board and lodging.

The government maintains the establishment upon an annual appropriation of \$4,000. If it were given more ample quarters, it might in turn be made almost, if

FAVORITE OF THE QUEEN.

not quite, self-sustaining.

Victoria Likes Mrs. Joseph Cham berlain, nee Endicott.

There has been much speculation in the London clubs as to the reason why the Right Honorable and Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain, nee Endicott, of Massachusetts, have been so frequently invited to be the guests of the queen. Many unkind and envious things have been said on this subject.

The truth is that her majesty has taken a great fancy to Mrs. Chamberlain, but English women won't see it that way and insist on all sorts of political mys and insist on an sorts of pointent mys-teries as the reason for these royal visits.

Mrs. Joseph is an eminently practical woman with no nonsense about her. She has decided views of her own and an emphatic way of expressing them.

One or two English duchesses have at-tempted to imitate Mrs. Chambertain's self-assertiveness and have been recent self-assertiveness, and have been properly snubbed by her majesty. The thorns in these graceful sides are that the queen admires in a "Star and Stripish" that which she snubs in an English duchess.

He Got the Fire.

When Lord Randolph Churchill was a Oxford he was constantly in conflict with his dean at Merion on the subject of compulsory chapels, and on one occasion he was sent for to listen to a grand remonarance. It was a chilly day, and the dean was standing with his back to the fire when Lord Randelph entered. After about ten minutes another delinquent was ushered in, and found Lord Randolph standing with his back to the fire and his coat-tails comfortably upraised, while the unfor tunate dean was arguing away out in the cold, near the door.-San Francisco

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LASTS THIRTEEN MONTHS

New Calendars, for the Celestial Year Have Just Arrived From San Francisco-Chimmen Never Know When the Year Begins Until These Come. Women Are Not Privileged.

The Celestial year of 1895 is drawing to a close, and the residents of Washington's Chinatown are already making preparations to usber in their leap year of 1896 with appropriate revelry.

The new year begins on the twelfth of Feormary, and on that day the Chinese all over the city will close their shops and hie themselves unto the big restaurant and joss house over Quong Sang Lung's importing place on Pennsylvania avenue, where they will speed the parting year and welcon the new one very much as Americans do Shirts and collars will go un washed that day, for the Chinese hold their holidays more sacred than they do their datie o the wearers of starched linen.

The calendar for 1896 has arrived from San Francisco, the great Chinese headquarters of America, and already these yellow-complexioned citizens who have heen fortunate enough to get one, are fig-uring up their dates for the new year. The calcudars are very elaborately gotiet up, and are about two feet square. They commin the months of the year, very much as an American calendar would, except that they are arranged in a rather peculiar manner, and underneath is a di-rectory of the Chinese in San Francisco. PECULIAR DECORATIONS.

Across the top are three scenes, typically Chinese in their conception. The first abows a bandful of Chinese warmers in hot pursuit of a horde of their enemies and represents Chinese prowers as they themselves book at it.

The center piece shows holf a dozen hanese officials giving on American an enthusiastic welcome into their hildst and a third shows a New Year's procession in China. The figures "1800" are printed under the picture, and across the top are Chinese characters indicating the year. The year 1895 for the Chinese is leap ear and will contain thirteen months The year contains 385 days, divided into

hirteen months. By some peculiar Chines method of calculation, every third year is a leap year, containing an extra month and beginning at different times. The Chinese never know when New Year's Day is due until they receive the calendar The present year began on the seventeently of February, 1ch5, and continued only twelve months. These twelve months will have ended on February 12, and then will begin the New Year. The calendar is prepared by the officials of San Francisco's the officials of San Francisco's Chinatown, who regulate, through the "Six "Six Companies" and their branches, the movements of the Chinese in all parts of the country to a great extent, and the c. culations are made by them. It is one of the few things a qualty Chinese that they do not bring over 450m their country. But in the matter of making calculars they are

in the instant and any current stay the independent, and only refer to see that their calculations agree with those of the calculations agree with those of the calculation makers of the Celestial empire.

The arrival of the calculate was the chief opic of interest among the laundryme who visited the restaurant last night. They gathered around it, after Philip, the e fat proprietor, had spread it out on table, and their vellow fingers pointed at days and dates on which things would sappen, as they chattered over it. They soon studied out the whole year.

What do you call the extra month

THE EXTRA MONTH. It was explained, with some difficulty, wa. When May comes they allow it to be May for just twice as many days in minarily, and then go on with June. This makes things even at the end of the year Their calculations are made in a rather ap-basard manner, and with very litt record for astronomical conditions. The simply say when a year shall begin and how many days it shall have in it, med in that

way they find out when to celebrate the new year again. Although they call their third year Leap Year, when they speak of it in English they significance to it that American women do or have the privilege of doing. Among the Chinese there is very little proposing done couples, and the women are never allowed meddle with affairs that would bring then

too much to the foreground. extra month every third year is a result their peculiar methods of keeping tab on the flight of time, and they call it lear year with an additional day. There are a apperailtions connected with it, and in the est natural manner possible they aflow the fifth month to run along twice as many tays as ordinarily, and that is what makes leap year.

WHAT THEY MEAN. The names of the months of the year in Chinese, when literally translated, mean first month, second month, etc., instead of

having distinguishing names. They are called Jingot, Glegot, Sanget, Siegot, In got, Loggot, Totgot, Bound, Gewgot, Shep-got, Shepyelgot and Shepyelgot. The compiling and printing of the yearly calendars has become quite a big busines

San Francisco. They were first printed y a Western newspeper as a souvenir, and this suggested to the editor and proprietor of the Chinese newspaper of San Francisco the possible wealth that lay in supplying his fellow-countrymen away from ome with these calendars.

He began on 'n small scale, but the demand has increased, and each year he has made them more elaborate. The one this year represents some very artistic cugraving and considerable business enter prise, as it contains, besides the months and a directory of bil be Chinamen in San Francisco, a number of advertisements of Chinese firms.

Profession of "Finder." Between Fougteenth and Twenty-third

treels, on Sixth avenue, there is a man who conducts a business that cannot be daplicated in any other city. He calls himself a "finder." Between the streets named more women pass in a day than in a like number of blocks in any other portion of the city—in fact, this portion of Sixth avenue is conceded to be the busiest place for women in the United States. The "finder," a shabbily-dressed young man, walks up and down the avenue, keenly watching the throngs. Whenever anyone drops anything he rans and picks it up and restores it to the owner, making a charge for its return. For handkerchiefs he gets 2 to 10 cents, and for other articles according to their value. "Within those blocks," he said to me, "women lose on n average of seventy-five bandkerchief day, and very often valuable articles of ewelry and wearing apparel. days I have made as high as \$10, while n others I have failed to make a cent."-

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